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Hundreds of people bundled up to visit the Ice Cube Gallery held on Lake Kashagawigamog in front of the Bonnie View Inn on Feb. 9 and 10.

The pop-up gallery event featured the work of four artists (Rod Prouse, Chris Hanson, Hendrika Sonnenberg and Victoria Ward) in three huts on one frozen lake, as well as a skating rink, ice bar and hot beverages tent, local food tasting provided by Rhubarb and Bonnie View, and music by Russell Red Records. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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Minden to host food forum

With Haliburton County's local food system blossoming, an upcoming forum will look at ways to further nurture and enhance this growing sector.

Harvest Haliburton is hosting the Food and Agriculture Economic Development Forum on Tuesday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Minden Hills Community Centre (55 Parkside Street). This free, interactive event, which includes lunch, is a chance for interested residents, food producers, farmers, retailers, restaurateurs, elected politicians, municipal staff and others to learn about the exciting food and agriculture-related projects underway in Haliburton County. Participants can also discover how they can support and shape the future of the local food sector.

People are encouraged to register for the food forum at www.harvesthaliburton.com by Feb. 20.

"We're very fortunate in Haliburton County to have a vibrant and diverse local food system that allows us to enjoy a taste of home. But like anything, there are challenges to growing our local food economy," says Rosie Kadwell, an event organizer and registered dietitian with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "This food forum will help identify real strategies and solutions that we can take back to our farm, restaurant, municipality or organization to ensure we are all working together to advance local food in 2019."

There's plenty of items on the agenda for the local food forum, including:

• Bite-sized presentations on the many organizations, initiatives and enterprises that make up the local food system in Haliburton County.

• A keynote address by Ontario agricultural ministry staff on the tools and strategies available to help the Highlands' local food sector thrive.

• A free lunch showcasing ingredients from many of the area's primary food producers.

• "Time for action" sessions that will look into specific priorities and challenges facing the local food system. Forum participants can take part in one of five discussion topics: selling and branding local food, culinary and food tourism, municipal food planning, agricultural economic development opportunities and needs of the community, or other burning topics.

• A wrap-up action plan session that will help develop and prioritize strategies to address the biggest food sector challenges.

"We encourage people to come out and participate in this important food forum," Kadwell says. "From planting to policy, we are all players in promoting a sustainable local food system that benefits ourselves, our economy and the environment."

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The elements of art

The Rails End Gallery is giving art lovers a mid-winter charge of colour and movement with this year's Members' Salon show. Called The Elements II, the exhibit is on until March 16 at the Haliburton gallery and includes more than 100 items created by member artists. Admission is by donation. /JENN WATT Staff

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(why I'm a citizen)

This rhyme reflects our hard times
The growing pains and stress
It's red-white growth we celebrate
The more, and not the less
The forward, not the backward
Where citizens can head
All sights are on our Parliament
Where issues will be read
Acknowledgments and open books
Inclusion, polite pause
With which a province waits a bit
For catching up because
To ride together's better than
To walk two feet apart
Along a railway much traversed
In matters of the heart
So by the time each solitude
Combines by choice to form
A partnership that weathers
Almost every type of storm
Not all of us are satisfied
And anger's easy prey
When government's presiding
And we want our solo say
Our leaders are not always smart
They promise but let down
We don't know what to trust in them
Their smiley-face or frown
Our faith in sides and platforms
Can waver large or small
Is government so different now
From early ones at all?
We want our money fairly used
But who decides what's fair?
Democracy is workable
If Canadians get air
This country is a model, though
For something of its size
We're fairly well-connected
Despite the cranky sighs
It's understood that courage
Is as big a part of truth
As honesty and ownership
Adjustment, reclaimed youth
Apology and learning curve
Our roles in saving land
The AFN and northern rights
Great Lakes or Prairie grand
Energy, diplomacy
Which guide, give second chance
To citizens who choose in life
To love a varied dance
A giving one, a global one,
A journey which fulfils
And balances for self without
Bestowing any ills
We covet ancient strategies
Which break walls, not them make
Equality will focus less
On every bad mistake
Though clearly there is much more work
To help make all folk whole
Our dialogue continues still
Awareness is our goal
We get three hugs from oceans
We're rich in blue and green
We love our own composers
And mostly, our old Queen
We paint in tree-filled spectrum
Each brilliant stroke and line
Our poems, solid love songs
Collective Valentine
We aim towards the tunnel's end
The light which calls the tribe
Towards enlightenment to which
All travellers can subscribe
In our case, territories move
With brains and hearts and spec
To types of trust and dialogue
That also in Québec
In French can cut away the thorns
That past and fear kept trapped
We'll show the world how hope is formed
Our Peace Train rail is mapped

Deborah J Reed

Blaine Kocot took this recently of an owl surveying the yard.

Haliburton BIA honours founding member

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Haliburton Business Improvement Area annual general meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Dysart et al council chambers.

One of the "founding fathers" of the BIA was honoured at the meeting as this year's BIA VIP.

Andy Glecoff, of V&S Department Store in Haliburton, was surprised to be given the second annual award.

He was credited for his work on improving the appearance of the downtown, particularly through the façade project and in advocating to have hydro lines buried on the main street.

"Also, way back 12 or 15 years ago, this gentleman looked into getting the darn hydro lines buried underground," said BIA chairman Luke Schell. "… It was so expensive that we obviously couldn't afford to do it. … Then when the opportunity came along and Hydro [One] came along and said 'we're going to put these giant poles up or we're going to put your lines underground, which one do you want?' We already had been a bit educated about that because of this gentleman. He was a large factor in that part of our downtown improvement. That was a massive one."

Schell said that Glecoff still attends meetings, where he adds his wisdom and sense of humour. He praised his "work, work, work ethic" and thanked Glecoff for his many years of commitment to Haliburton.

As he accepted the award, Glecoff named a few more accomplishments from the early days of the BIA, including downtown benches, garbage bins, road signs on each corner with logos from the merchants who paid for them.

He said it wasn't just him, but the whole community that worked toward the positive changes.

"We had a lot of fun. We had a lot of fun doing all of that," he said.

Year's projects

Luke Schell reviewed the successes of the past year. They included Midnight Madness (run by the *Haliburton Echo* with support from the BIA), street decorations, Colourfest, Santa Claus Parade (run by the Lions Club and sponsored by BIA), Ladies Shopping Night, the downtown sculpture project and new street banners by artist Susan Hay.

The sculpture project is a collaboration between the BIA and the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, with between five and six sculptures to be installed in May and taken out in October. BIA member Dale Walker asked whether more sculptures could be added to the main street.

Schell said it was an affordability issue. The BIA has budgeted $4,500 this year for the project.

Update from the mayor

Newly elected mayor, Andrea Roberts gave an address to the BIA and said she could relate to many of the issues facing small business as a former business owner herself. She also was a member of the BIA committee when she held the councillor's seat.

She said council was going into budget deliberations beginning on Feb. 14.

"Some of the challenges that we have facing us are fairly obvious … asset management, the rising costs of equipment and the rising costs of construction, road construction. We just had a truck tender go out and it came in at $30,000 more than anticipated [because of the] U.S. dollar and the price of steel. We have to be anticipating that," she said.

Climate change will also require more planning. "It's here and we have to be planning for it," she said.

She highlighted new development planned for town, including a retirement facility proposed for Sunnyside Street and the new Home Hardware underway on County Road 21.

On June 7, Haliburton will be the host of a Teeny Tiny Summit, a one-day economic development conference at Medeba. "It's called Big Ideas Come From Small Places and our subtheme is Unlocking the Potential of Youth," Roberts said.

Andy Glecoff, right, accepts the Downtown Haliburton BIA VIP award from Luke Schell at the annual general meeting in Dysart council chambers Tuesday, Feb. 5. Inscribed on the plaque: "Awarded to Mr. Andy Glecoff for his outstanding contribution to the growth and vibrancy of downtown Haliburton." /JENN WATT Staff

"It's all about engaging the youth and … what municipalities, staff and councillors can do to to create an atmosphere where youth want to stay," she said.

Wooden stair replacement

Mayor Andrea Roberts told the group that this winter the wooden stairs leading from the Head Lake parking lot up to Highland Street were closed due to disrepair.

"They have to be replaced. They're cordoned off for the winter," she said.

The municipality's budget would allow the stairs to

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Road conditions make maintenance tricky

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be replaced at half the width, but she said there was another option that council would be considering.

"To close them off entirely and build a cement proper raised sidewalk that goes down to the town dock … you'd either come around from the caboose, or you'd come from where the town lot is down across from Baked and Battered and walk up a dedicated sidewalk," she said.

She told the BIA to think about those options and weigh in if they had input.

Update from deputy mayor

Patrick Kennedy, deputy mayor, said he wanted to look at what climate change is doing to streets and roads. He said Dysart et al staff had informed him that they were low on road sand, which is exceedingly rare.

"So we're going to have to be investing a substantial amount of money in raising our winter sand stocks," he said.

Dysart uses very little salt on roads, he said, although Haliburton County does use it for the roads it takes care of.

"Lots of confusion out there about who's using what," Kennedy said, adding that when temperatures have been -30C, the sand won't stick to roads.

Some tricky intersections in town presented a puzzle for roads crews, he said, joking that the corner of Highland and Cedar might need heated streets.

"It's a challenge … we all hear the complaints," he said.

He mentioned several other initiatives, including a proposed investment in docks, the rental of paddleboards at Head Lake and improvements in the park.

Infrastructure grants have come in for mats that go to the waterfront for people with baby carriages or those using mobility devices to allow them access to the water.

"As more people come [with] more expectations, the more we need to do," he said, pledging his help and support for the BIA.

Window decorations winners announced

Plaques were given out to businesses for their window decorating.

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Canada Day: First – The Kosy Korner; second – Lockside Trading Company; third – BMO

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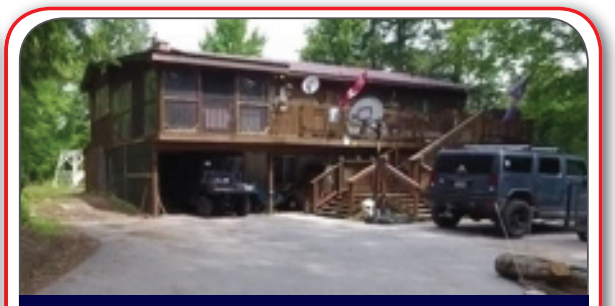

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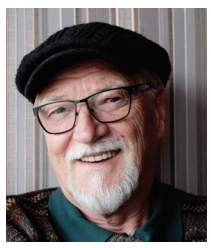
An interview with Stretch the sledder

STEVE CHARITY, or Stretch as he is more commonly known, is a neighbour of mine and has been for the last 15 years. But it's only recently that I've come to know him better. When he moved into our neighbourhood, in Gelert, I was not keen on the fact that he was operating a sales and repair business for snowmobiles and ATVs. I felt that sleds, as snowmobiles are commonly called, and ATVs, when used for recreational purposes, intrude on the wilderness; and I still feel that way.

However over the years I've learned to accept the vehicles that travel along the Rail Trail adjacent to our property in Gelert. I know now that riding sleds and ATVs are established pastimes, and part of our culture. So I talked to Stretch, who I can now call a friend, to find out more about him and about the machines he services.



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts/Culture

"My family always rode sleds, and right from diapers I would go along with them," Stretch said. "I was always in the family workshop, when we lived in Fenelon Falls, helping Dad work on the sleds."

By 1989, Stretch had moved to the Highlands, but in 1990 Stretch's father Gord saw an article in a magazine about snowmobilers in Quebec racing on water in the summer.

"So me, my dad, Dawn my mother, and brother Stuart all drove to Wolf Lake in Quebec to see them racing on the water," Stretch said. After that he and the family were hooked on water cross racing.

I asked him what the appeal was of sledding across the water in the summer. "Ice cold beer, girls in bikinis, and warm water," came the chuckled reply. "People do it in the winter too, but if you sink in winter the water is freezing."

The family was always needing parts to fix their machines, and that's what led the Charity family to Paul Prentice of Prentice-Berry (now Harper Powersports and Marine), on Highway 35, south of Minden. "Paul had a water crosser that he had used in Head Lake in Haliburton, in 1979," Stretch said. "We purchased that machine from him and practised a lot. Then we took it to Norway Bay in Quebec and raced it for the first time. I came in second in oval racing and Stuart got a second in the drags." Stretch was so often in Prentice's shop hunting for parts that eventually Paul offered him a job which Stretch accepted.

Stretch and Stuart continued their successful water cross careers with Stretch winning the New York State Championship seven times and Stuart winning a World Championship in 1994.

"I guess I made a name for myself," Stretch said, "and it was good promotion for Prentice-Berry too." Stretch retired from racing in 1995 but continued working as a mechanic for Prentice-Berry as well as doing the same for Super Trax, the local organization that produces snowmobile and ATV shows for the Outdoor Life Network. Stretch worked for Super Trax for seven years and was with Prentice-Berry for 17.

"After Super Trax quit racing I moved to Gelert and opened up Stretch Performance," Stretch explained. "We repair sleds, ATVs, personal watercraft, and boats; and we shrink-wrap and store boats for winter." Stretch told me that ATV sales surpassed those of snowmobiles several years ago. "Boat and PWC repairs and storage offer us way more business now than do snowmobiles," Stretch said. "There's still tons of sleds around but they just don't break down like they used to.

Stretch Performance is located close to the Rail Trail in Gelert, where sleds zoom by with frequency, especially on weekends.

"Basically the snow starts in Kinmount," Stretch said, "and many people leave their trailers there and do a day ride from Kinmount to Haliburton, to have lunch." But Stretch is much more adventurous.

"Nowadays with the trails and good snow conditions you can do the ride around Algonquin Park, which is a three day trip; and my dad who is 78, my two brothers and me are soon doing a ride around Lake Nipissing."

Stretch concedes that the future lies in electric sleds, now in the development stage. That will please the environmentalists, and people like me who don't like the noise of sleds. But Stretch is a dyed-in-the-wool motor head. "The newer sleds are so fuel efficient that they don't burn much gas or oil anymore; so they don't pollute nearly as much."

"We've got such good trails around here and in Wilberforce, Harcourt and the Haliburton Forest, where we often go for lunch." Stretch said. "People should contact the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association for more information on trails."

"But never ride alone," he cautioned. "Tell people where you're going before you go, and don't ride lakes that aren't safe. The HCSA puts up stakes for guidelines on the lakes, and you should follow them." And finally, being a good salesman, he said "always bring your sled in for a pre-season service and inspection."

Bring on the electric sleds, I say.

Top 10 reasons people bonded with cats

EVERY MORNING, when our cats wake me up around 6:30 to extort food, I wonder how it is that we humans got mixed up with these little tyrants? So I gave it some thought and came up with some fairly plausible theories. Here then are my top 10 reasons primitive man bonded with cats.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. They were cute but also a ready source of protein and stylish slipper fur.
2. No one had invented the back-scratcher yet.
3. It was the best mouse trap they could find at the time.
4. It just felt wrong naming a pet stegosaurus "Fluffy."
5. In a pinch, a cat makes a passable primitive accordion.
6. It happened before people found out they buried their poop.
7. Dog food was expensive even then.
8. This was before the "let's play fetch" craze caught on.
9. They needed something to share their fleas with.
10. They shared a hatred of songbirds singing at 4 a.m.

What's in a pause

As today unfolds one piece at a time,
just like a jigsaw puzzle
It lays before you – a mess of pieces
that don't make any sense
Until you connect first one to another
and then from there you struggle
Looking for the right shapes that will connect
with what you started.

Perhaps feelings of frustration seep into your bosom
and exasperated you Pause…
You reach for something to distract you
from the mess of pieces
It's beginning to feel like a chore
So now waiting for the enthusiasm to come back
to make some sense
Another Pause

Thoughts crowd in fighting with each other
for attention
You look at the options appearing out of nowhere
Looking out the window you notice the sun has
brightened the day

Oh – put that piece there – it looks like a fit
Nope
Pause happening

What if you end up wasting this entire beautiful
sunny day going from
Pause to Pause to Pause
These are just choices coming into consciousness one
after another
Monkey mind

What is really happening feels like judgement
"What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to
stand and stare,
and stare as long as sheep or cows" *
It's your Leisure day is it not?
So pause all you like and simply enjoy
the beauty of the day.

**Quote from W.H. Davies' poem*

Lee Gauthier
Algonquin Highlands Writers Circle

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Frost Festival

Saturday, February 16, 2019 - Head Lake Park 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

- Waffle Wagon - food stop (11 am - 3 pm)
- **Climb the Ice Tower with Base Camp 35 ages 12 + (11 am - 3 pm)**
- Snowshoe Games with YMCA Wanakita (11 am - 3 pm)
- **S'mores over the Fire with the Haliburton Highlands Museum (11 am - 3 pm)**
- Compass Early Learning and Care - sensory painting and activities (11 am - 3 pm)
- **Haliburton County Snowmobile Association - meet the groomer (11 am - 3 pm)**
- Horse Drawn Wagon Rides with Irvin Holland sponsored by the Haliburton BIA (11 am - 3 pm)
- **Outdoor play area created by the Right Brained Mom (11 am - 3 pm)**
- **Ice fishing on Head Lake with volunteers from the HHOA** (1:00 pm - 3 pm)
- Skating on the outdoor rink beside the library (11 am - 3 pm)
- **Helluvahut Makeover Reveal - ACM Designs and Partners (11 am - 3 pm)**
- Ride a pony with South Algonquin Trails sponsored by the Rotary Club of Haliburton (11 am - 1 pm)
- **Broomball and Hot Chocolate with Youth Unlimited (11 am - 1 pm)**
- Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge (1:00 pm until finished)
- **Paddling Puppeteer - 2 shows at the library (11:30 am and 2 pm)**
- Kids soapstone carving with the paddling puppeteer (12:30 - 1:30 pm)
- **Create snowflake suncatchers using 3D pens at the library ages 6+ (3 - 4 pm)**
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Haliburton Curling Club youth curler Finn Taylor-Bayly watches his rock glide towards the house.

Young curlers focus on fun

All 32 youth curlers from the Haliburton Curling Club and the Minden Curling Clubs came together for a group photo at the conclusion of the Haliburton Youth Bonspiel on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Haliburton Curling Club. There were eight rinks, four from the Haliburton Club and four from the Minden Club, who competed in this event, which focused on skill development and fun. The rinks played two six-end games. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Registration at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and event starts at 1 p.m.
Organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club and part of Haliburton's Frost Festival
Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or online at haliburtonlions.com. All proceeds to the SickKids' Garron Family Cancer Centre or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation
Contact: Lion Jim Frost at 705-457-4031

Frost Festival Lasagna Dinner
Date: Saturday, Feb. 16
Place: Fellowship Room, Haliburton United Church
Cost: $10 for adults and $5 for children under 12 (Tickets at door)
Time: 4 to 6 p.m.
Dinner: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee/tea. Vegetarian and gluten free lasagna is available, takeout also available.

Valentine's Day Musical Concert
When: Saturday Feb. 16, 2 p.m.
Where: Maple Lake United Church (corner of Hwy. 118 & Stanhope Airport Rd.)
Admission by donation. Light lunch following the concert. All Proceeds go to Maple Lake United Church

CFUW Guest Speaker: Cara Steele
When: Thursday, Feb. 21, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens
Cara Steele will be speaking at the Canadian Federation of University Women Haliburton Highlands meeting. She will be highlighting the new developments at Abbey Gardens and will talk about future ideas including specifics about the Abbey Retreat Centre. Presentation begins at 1:40 and runs to 2:40 p.m. after which Heather will be offering a snowshoe hike for those interested.
All women who are considering becoming a CFUW member are welcome to join us.
Cost: Free.

Gord Kidd & Friends, Ian Pay & Brad Sales and featuring Don Stiver on steel guitar
When: Saturday Feb. 23, 3 to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
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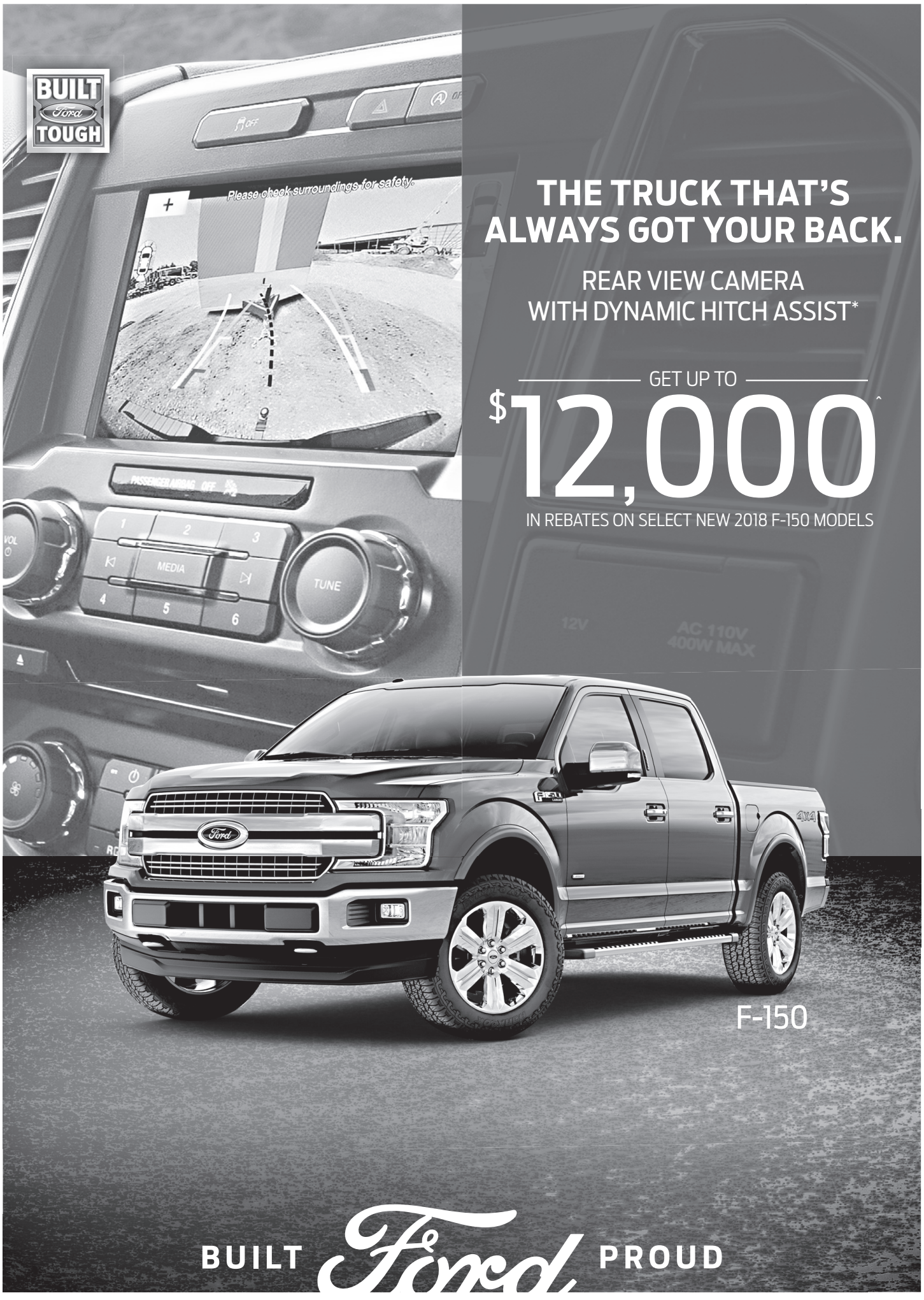
50/50 draw at 6 p.m.
There will be no dinners offered at these events.



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Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12 - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce
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Spaghetti Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.
Saturday Meat draw 2 to 5 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. Sharp!
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Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m.
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Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, Mar throught Dec., starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
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Haliburton honours Robbie Burns

Right, Mansfield School of Highland Dance dancers Lacey MacDonald, left, and Jerelyn MacRae perform the Highland Laddie dance.

Below right, people are directed during the Grand March at the annual Robbie Burns Night on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. Presented by the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums, the event drew 100 people, who listened to the pipe band perform, watched the Mansfield School of Highland Dance dancers, bore witness to the march and address of the haggis by Jim Thompson. Also known as Burns Night, this event celebrates the life and the poetry of Scottish poet, Robert Burns who lived from 1759 to 1796.

Below left, the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums march in unison, playing at the annual Robbie Burns Night. /DARREN LUM Staff

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After months of planning and hard work, the Minden Kinsmen Club is set to present its thirty-first edition of this winter favourite.

Carnival activities begin Friday evening at 6 p.m. and continue throughout the weekend. Most of the activities will be centered around the Minden Community Centre. Starting Friday evening is the annual Carnival Bonspiel, sponsored by the Minden Curling Club. This popular mixed event attracts rinks from throughout southern Ontario and will continue until Sunday.

Also on Friday evening, the selection of the Carnival Queen and Princess will be made at the arena. Sponsored by local businesses, the young ladies will have been interviewed at 6:30 p.m. with the results being announced to the expectant crowd at 8:30 p.m.

Friday night, following the selection of the queen, a team of Minden Oldtimers will take on the HHSS Redmen in an exhibition hockey match.

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Plans for hospital addition unveiled

"You and me - how shall we do it?" That was the theme of Barbara Dawson's speech at the official kick-off of the Haliburton Hospital expansion fund drive, held January 20 at the Haliburton Legion hall.

Dawson, chairman of the expansion fund committee, explained to an audience of about 75 how county residents could go about raising their $240,000 share of the cost of the new Haliburton Hospital chronic care unit.

Also speaking at the meeting were Leo Dorion, executive director of St. Joseph's General Hospital in Peterborough and Kevin Cummings, co-ordinator of Haliburton and Minden hospitals.

So far, Dawson said, the expansion fund committee has managed to raise $22,400 (another $600 has been added to that since the meeting.)

The projected cost of the new unit is $1,375,000. The provincial government has agreed to contribute almost two-thirds of that amount, the county has committed itself to $266,400 and the expansion fund committee will find the rest.

Donations to the expansion fund so far include: $20,000 from the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary; individual donations totalling $1,200; $600 from the Victoria District Scottish Rite Club; $500 from a group of Bell Telephone employees; $300 from the Haliburton Hospital staff and $100 from the Kinsmen of the South Algonquin district.

Dawson said the Haliburton Lions' Club has promised to raise $50,000 through a series of draws and special events, including a raffle of a piece of waterfront property.

Among the special events planned by the Lions is a hockey game scheduled for March 31 featuring the CKVR No-Stars.

Donations to the fund can be addressed directly to Haliburton Hospital Expansion Fund, Box 512, Haliburton, Ontario KOM 1S0.

Leo Dorion, who as executive director of St. Joseph's Hospital, will be in charge of setting up the chronic care unit, began his talk by commenting "I think it's really great that the whole community is supporting this project."

Dorion explained that the new unit would take up approximately 10,000 square feet of space close to the present hospital and would cost about $900,000 a year to run. He added that it would require the hiring of approximately 31 new staff.

"It's quite a large project and there's a number of ways the space could be added," he said. "We want the whole hospital to function as a single unit and to provide some economy of operation.

Dorion said that some hospital additions don't function smoothly and economically. That is something they would have to guard against in Haliburton, he said.

Kevin Cummings, co-ordinator for Haliburton and Minden hospitals

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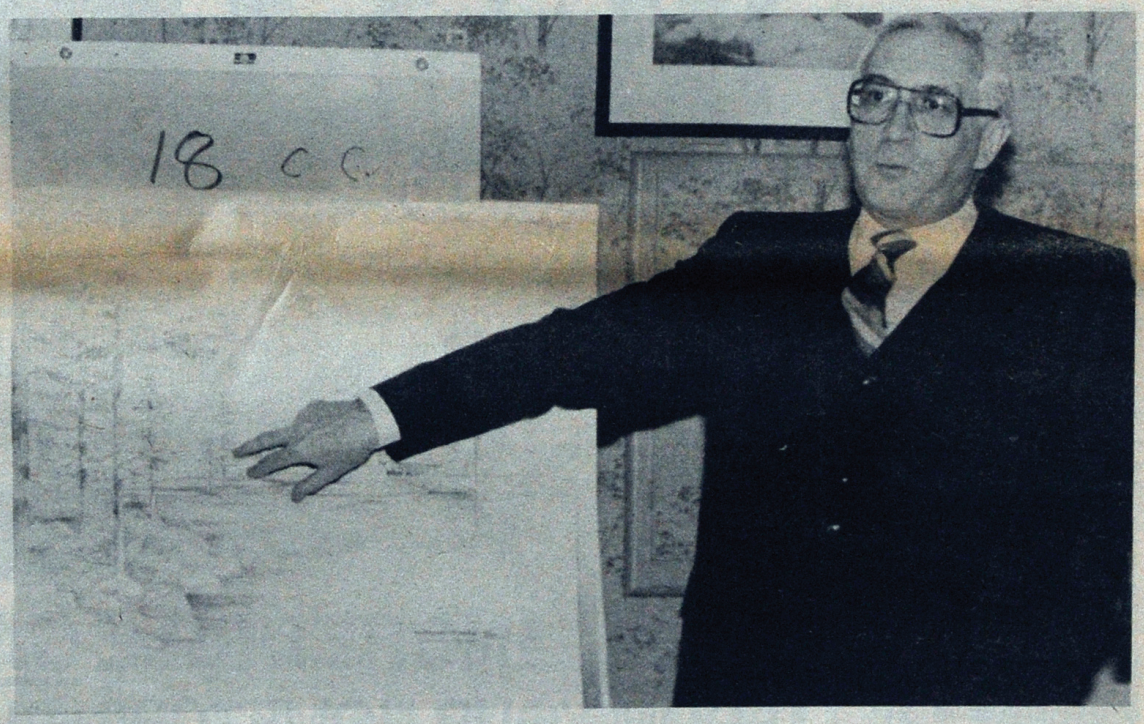

Leo Dorion, executive director of St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough shows what the new Haliburton Hospital wing could look like at the official kick-off fund drive held last Tuesday, January 20 at the Haliburton Legion.

Townships agree to cost shares

The municipalities of Haliburton County have reached an agreement on how to divide their shares for the new chronic care unit planned for the Haliburton Hospital.

At the January 21 county council meeting it was decided that each municipality would contribute to the county's $266,400 share of the bill according to its levy apportionment.

The hospital addition will cost approximately $1.4 million of which the Ontario government will pay two-thirds. The Haliburton County Hospital Fund Raising Committee will raise $240,000 and the county, through the ten municipalities, will contribute the remainder, approximately $266,400. The funds will be raised over the next two years and paid at the end of that period to the Board of St. Joseph's hospital in Peterborough, which will oversee the design and construction of the new unit.

The county will not be charged interest on its share.

According to an earlier arrangement, the largest part of the county share was to come from the three municipalities of Anson, Hindon and Minden, Stanhope Township and Dysart et al.

Together, they were to pay $133,200 and the county was to raise a similar amount.

Earlier this month however, Minden council objected to this arrangement arguing that it placed too great a burden on three of Haliburton's ten municipalities.

Though the vote at last Wednesday's county council meeting for the new share arranagement by apportionment levy was unanimous, one councillor objected to the agreement during the discussion.

"People from my township go to hospital at Bracebridge or Huntsville and many of us feel that we shouldn't have to contribute so much," said Don Shortreed, Deputy-Reeve of Sherborne Township. Shortreed added that he, personally, is in favour of the new funding agreement but his council is against it.

But then Bill Howe, Reeve of Bicroft Township, said that though some of his council thought the same, he convinced them to go along with the new share arrangement, saying that the new unit would be a county institution and that everyone should work together on it.

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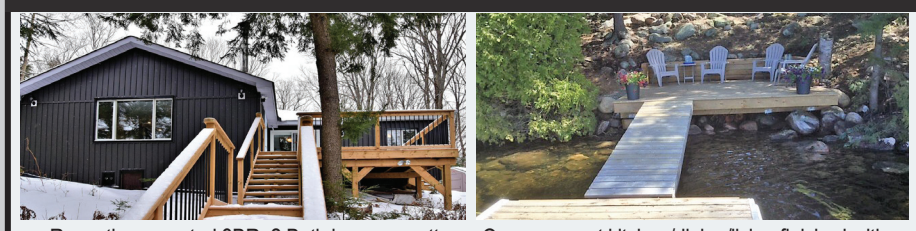

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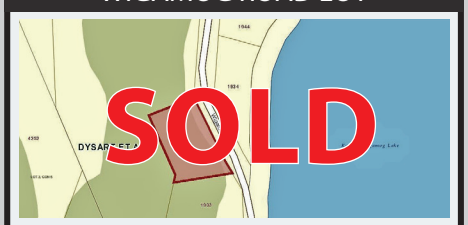

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